

Less Than One Tank Trips: Events at Tennessee State Parks for Holiday Season 2008-2009

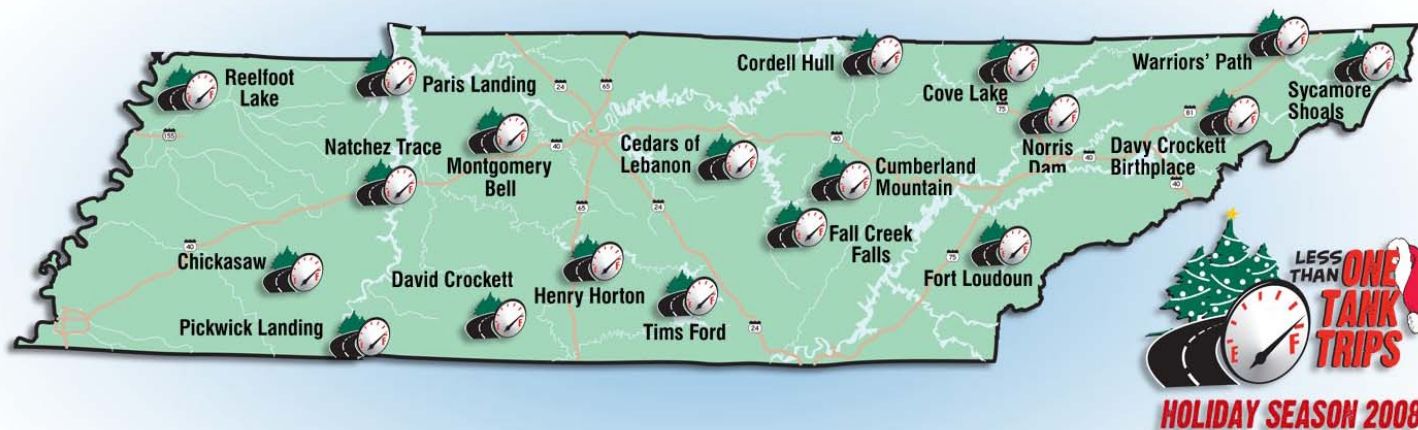


Each week presents a new opportunity to encounter Tennessee's natural, cultural and historical uniqueness at a state park near you. Discover Tennessee on any of these

Less Than One Tank Trips during Holiday Season 2008:

November 22	Cordell Hull Birthplace	November Sky Star Party
November 22	Tims Ford	Saturday Night Pickins
November 22 – 23	Sycamore Shoals	Thanksgiving Garrison
November 27	At a Park Near You	Thanksgiving
Nov. 30 - Dec. 31	Sycamore Shoals	Winterfest: Christmas Tree Exhibit
December 1	Cove Lake	Christmas in the Park
December 5 & 6	Sycamore Shoals	Christmas at the Carter Mansion
December 5 – 7	Fall Creek Falls	Christmas on the Mountain
December 6	Fort Loudoun	Living History Weekend
December 6	Warriors' Path	Adopt a Tree
December 6 & 7	Davy Crockett Birthplace	Crockett Christmas
December 6 & 7	Sycamore Shoals	Christmas Garrison
December 6 & 20	Tims Ford	Saturday Night Pickins
December 11	Cordell Hull Birthplace	Old Fashioned Christmas
December 13 & 14	Chickasaw	Lighting of the Park
December 13	Norris Dam	Holiday Homecoming
December 19	Warriors' Path	Christmas in the Valley
December 19 & 20	Cedars of Lebanon	Old Time Christmas at the Lodge
December 31	Montgomery Bell	New Year's Eve Celebration
January 2	Reelfoot Lake	Eagle Weekends
January 3 – 4	Sycamore Shoals	Old Christmas Winter Garrison

Tennessee's 53 state parks offer diverse experiences for individuals and families. State park features range from pristine natural areas to hiking trails to outstanding restaurants and comfortable cabins. For a free brochure about Tennessee State Parks, call 888-867-2757. For additional information, visit www.tnstateparks.com.



Cumberland Trail Sunday Nights 8:30 p.m. WDVX 89.9 FM

Join Bob Fulcher as he presents rare old-time bluegrass, gospel, rockabilly and more, 1926 to present day, from musicians who were born and raised along the Cumberland Trail. Web cast at 8:30 p.m. EST at www.WDVX.com.

For more information: (423) 566-2229.

Sycamore Shoals Traditional Arts Workshops

Join us for these great workshops that offer a unique opportunity to learn traditional and primitive art forms from expert instructors. Pre-registration will be required in addition to an instructor and materials fee.

For more information: (423) 543-5808.

THE CUMBERLAND TRAIL



Bob Fulcher

November

November 22 Cordell Hull Birthplace. November Sky Star Party

Join us from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. CST for an evening of stargazing and comraderie. We'll start with an indoor program and then move outside to view through the stars and the planet Venus through telescopes. Hot cider and coffee provided by Friends of Cordell Hull. Bring warm clothing and a flashlight – telescopes provided.

For more information: (931) 864-3247.

November 22 Tims Ford. Saturday Night Pickins

If you play an instrument or just enjoy listening to great music, Tims Ford State Park is the place to be on Saturday night. Bring your instruments and join us from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. CST at the recreation building for an evening of musical fun.

For more information: (931) 962-1183.

November 22 - 23 Sycamore Shoals. Thanksgiving Garrison

Join us as Hardin's Rangers provide a glimpse into the past with an 18th century Thanksgiving at Fort Watauga. Plenty of food and demonstrations. Hours: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. EST.

For more information: (423) 543-5808.

November 27 8 State Parks Serve Thanksgiving Day Meal

Spend less time in the kitchen and more time with friends and family while surrounding yourself with Tennessee's natural wonders during this season of thanksgiving. Tennessee State Park restaurants will be open Thursday, November. 27, serving a traditional Thanksgiving Day feast – Thanksgiving turkey and all the trimmings, along with an assortment of desserts, from 11 a.m. until closing – at state park restaurants across Tennessee. Click here for more information.

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Tennessee State Parks Winter Promotion 2008/09



State Parks Serving Thanksgiving Day Meals

Cumberland Mountain

(931) 484-7186

David Crockett

(931) 762-9541

Fall Creek Falls

(423) 881-5241

Henry Horton

(931) 364-2222

Montgomery Bell

(615) 797-3101

Natchez Trace

(731) 968-8176

Paris Landing

(731) 642-4311

Pickwick Landing

(731) 689-3135

**November 30 - December 31 Sycamore Shoals.
Winterfest: Christmas Tree Exhibit & Art Show**

With an annual Winterfest theme, this event opens with a reception to view the trees, artwork and an opportunity to meet the artists. The exhibit features Fraser fir trees decorated by local organizations with handmade ornaments. The Watauga Valley Art League displays the artwork. Opening Reception November 30 at 1:30 p.m., Monday – Saturday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Sunday 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. EST.
For more information: (423) 543-5808.

December 1 Cove Lake. Christmas in the Park

Cove Lake's Christmas in the Park features 2500 luminaries, the Lighting of the Tree, fireworks display, refreshments, children's crafts and activities, caroling and an appearance from Santa Claus and friends. Children can also have their picture taken with Santa for no charge.

For more information: (423) 566-9701.

December 5 & 6 Sycamore Shoals. Christmas at the Mansion

Join us for an evening of entertainment and song at this 18th century frontier landmark. Costumed interpreters, candlelight, refreshments and music highlight the evening. The mansion's beautifully crafted interior is decorated for Christmas in the style of 1780. Hours: 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. EST.

For more information: (423) 543-5808.

December 5 - 7 Fall Creek Falls. Christmas on the Mountain

Join us for a weekend of Yuletide fun, Christmas carols and gifts for the little ones. Activities for children and adults alike include traditional Christmas decorating, tea parties and a 3-day mountain craft show. Don't be surprised if Saint Nick drops in.

For more information: (423) 881-5708.

December 6 Fort Loudoun. Living History Weekend

This annual event provides visitors with the chance to experience the atmosphere of an 18th century Christmas at a British fortification in the Cherokee territory. The fort buildings are decorated with traditional greens such as holly and ivy. Re-enactors will be present to demonstrate daily activities. In the evening, the fort will be illuminated with candles and luminaries. Refreshments and candlelight tours begin around 6 p.m. EST. The tours will conclude with a rare, nighttime firing of the fort's largest cannon. This is a one-day event and admission is free.

For more information: (423) 884-6217.

December 6 Warriors' Path. Adopt A Tree

Everyone is invited to come to the park to help us plant future forests. For each tree seedling you plant in the park, you get to take one home to plant. Come early, as supplies of trees are limited!

For more information: (423) 239-6786.



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eastern edge of the
Cumberland Mountains,
Cove Lake State Park is one
of our most visited parks.
The 210-acre Cove Lake
offers year-round
non-motorized boat rental,
fishing, hiking and more.
Just 35 minutes northwest
of Knoxville, Cove Lake's
Christmas in the Park is a
must see for the whole
family.

December 6 & 7 Davy Crockett BP. Crockett Christmas

Get into the pioneer Christmas spirit and join in the festivities at this living history event. View the turn-of-the century Christmas decorations that adorn the cabin and top the evening off with traditional music, hot cider and edibles around the warm campfire.

For more information: (423) 257-2167

December 6 & 7 Sycamore Shoals. Christmas Garrison

Ring in the Christmas season with the Company of Overmountain Men as they celebrate with living history demonstrations of the 18th century in the backwoods of Colonial America.

Hours: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. EST.

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December 6 & 20 Tims Ford. Saturday Night Pickins

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December 11 Cordell Hull Birthplace. Old Fashioned Christmas

Join park staff as we celebrate the holidays the way they were enjoyed in the late nineteenth century, the time period in which former Secretary of State Cordell Hull lived in this rural area on the edge of the Cumberland Plateau. Festivities include old fashioned holiday music by Ross Moore using 14 traditional instruments, lantern-lit trail hikes, refreshments and seasonal decorations in the restored birthplace cabin. 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. CST.

For more information: (931) 864-3247.

December 13 & 14 Chickasaw. Lighting of the Park

Come view the spectacular holiday light displays situated throughout the park. Over 2500 luminaries lining the roadways will guide your drive through the park. Cap the evening off with live entertainment and a visit from Santa Claus. 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. CST.

For more information: (731) 989-5141.

December 13 Norris Dam. Holiday Homecoming


Come experience the atmosphere of 1900s life in the Appalachian region. Horse-drawn wagon rides and 1-mile walking tours through the rustic cabins and historical buildings highlight this event. Holiday Homecoming also features entertainment, music and demonstrations, so please dress warmly, wear comfortable shoes and bring a flashlight for your added safety. Free admission, but donations of non-perishable foods is greatly appreciated for the local mission.

For more information: (865) 426-7461.

December 19 Warriors' Path. Christmas in the Valley

Join Warriors' Path State Park for the first annual Christmas in the Valley. Bring the whole family to learn about the cultural heritage of the Appalachians. Children will have the opportunity to learn and make holiday ornaments from around the world.

For more information: (423) 239-8531.



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Over 1000 acres of land are waiting to be explored at Chickasaw State Park 18 miles south of Jackson in west Tennessee. Chickasaw offers mountain biking, hiking and over 100 miles of horseback riding trails (horse rental available) with 31 wrangler campsites. The acclaimed Jack Nicklaus designed Bear Trace Golf Course at Chickasaw was voted a 2008 Best Place to Play by golf Digest Magazine. The seasonal Lighting of the Park continues to be a family favorite.

December 19 & 20 Cedars of Lebanon. Old Time Christmas

Join Friends and family of Cedars during this look back to Christmas season traditions from the 1930's era. Live music, homemade decorations, refreshments and a visit from St. Nicholas himself will be highlights at Cedar's cozy lodge.

For more information: (615) 443-2769

December 31 Montgomery Bell. New Year's Eve Celebration

Ring in the New Year at Montgomery Bell State Park! Sponsored by the Friends of Montgomery Bell State Park this New Year's Eve bash features dancing and fun with music provided by Gino's band. The ticket package for two people includes a champagne toast at midnight, a midnight breakfast catered by the Montgomery Bell Restaurant and a room at the inn for overnight accommodations. The Friends of MBSP will have additional drinks available for purchase at the event. Ticket packages are \$175 and can be purchased from the Friends group. All proceeds of the event support the Friends of MBSP in their efforts to improve Montgomery Bell State Park. This event is 21 and up.

For more information contact Dana Stein, Friends Secretary, at (615) 740-6841 or friendsofmbsp@comcast.net to make your reservation.

Davy Crockett Birthplace. December TBA Pioneer 10K Run

Join us for an exhilarating run through our park and the town of Limestone. This is part of the 30th annual Tennessee State Parks Running Tour and all runners must be registered.

For more information on the Pioneer 10K Run, please contact Mr. Bob Townsend (423) 257-6188 or (423) 426-6709 bobt4@earthlink.net.

January 2 Reelfoot Lake. Eagle Weekends

Ring in 2009 by joining rangers from Reelfoot Lake State Park for their their first Eagle Weekend of the season. Reelfoot is home to one of the largest winter population of American bald eagles in the United States. Eagle tours on the lake will be depart 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. CST.

For more information: (731) 253-8003.

January 3 & 4 Sycamore Shoals. Old Christmas Winter Garrison

Join Hardin's Rangers, a French and Indian War period re-enactment group, at Fort Watauga for a living history look into the 18th century. Visitors can participate in demonstrations that feature frontier life.

For more information: (423) 543-5808



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